SIM cards has raised serious questions over the matter of security not only of mobile phone users but also of the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) and (b) As far as Global System for Mobile (GSM) networks in the country are concerned, in which Subscriber Identification Module (SIM) cards are used in mobile phones, no instance of cloning of SIM cards has been reported in the country so far. Moreover, no complaint of cloning of SIM cards in GSM network has been referred by any Service Provider either with the Department of Telecommunications or with Telecom Regulatory Authority of India.

However, cloning of Code Division Multiplex Access (CDMA) mobile have come to the notice. The CDMA phones not have a SIM card.

The Cloning of SIM cards may cause concerns to security of the country. However, the same can be avoided by making chances of cloning extremely rare by having latest authentication algorithms and timely detecting cases in proactive manner using Fraud Management System.

In this regard, GSM Association has already circulated security algorithms to its members. The network operators are required to deploy and activate the same in all SIM cards and their network. Some of the Operators have already deployed such algorithms in their network.

Restructuring plan for HDPEL

*225. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a three member Committee headed by CMD, Cochin Shipyard Limited was formed in October, 2004 to prepare a revival-cum-financial restructuring plan for Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Ltd. (HDPEL);

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted the plan, if so, salient features thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Committee has submitted its report and after taking into consideration the report of the Committee as well as other factors this Ministry has drawn up a Rehabilitation-cum-Restructuring Package with the following components:

(i) Grant-in-aid assistance for liquidating State Bank of India (SBI)'s outstanding loan and interest.

(ii) Grant-in-aid assistance for VRS.

(iii) Grant-in-aid assistance for liquidating outstanding statutory dues and liabilities.

(iv) Equity investment for up-gradation of Plant, Machinery and Equipment.

(v) Equity investment for Working Capital.

(vi) Writing off of Government of India Loan and Interest.

(vii) Ministry would assist HDPEL in getting orders on nomination basis.

All the above points were suggested by the Committee except point No. (iii) which has been added by the Ministry.

The proposed Package has to be referred to the Board for Reconstruction of Public Enterprises (BRPSE) set up the Government recently and may undergo changes at the suggestion of the Board.

Action against corrupt public servants

*226. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated any action against corrupt public servants of various departments booked by CBI recently;